

Wilmington May 21st 1881

Dear Mr. Watson,

I see by yours, enclosing one to Mr Redford, that I have misunderstood you, have written in a way that has seemed very harsh to you and I fear I have hurt the just sensitiveness of an honorable man. I took your proposition in a different light from what you intended and you have thought that I meant more than I did. ^{in what I wrote.} I do feel most truly sorry that I have pained you if such be the case and I desire to make my apology thereof and to say that I am sincerely sorry that I was so hasty in writing, as I did. Let us think no more about it. I had

rather lose every specimen I have or
might have than to have you think
me unjust to you or that I thought
you capable of any wrong doing.

I will forward your letter
to Mr. Redfield and I am sure
that you will be satisfied with
his reply; and as I write hastily
in order that this may go by tonight's
mail, I will only add that any
arrangement whatever that you may
make in relation to the sets (in
the light of what I now see to be the
situation) will be perfectly satisfactory
to me - that is whether to send the
sets as originally intended or to take
either my proposition or Mr. Redfield's
to give up one set.

I will only add, as a further explana-
tion, that in all that has occurred I have
hitherto supposed that Dr. Palmer was with you.

Very sincerely
Your Obedt. Servant
J. M. Audubon